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Kyoichi SUGURO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2811
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Application No.: 10/623,732) Examiner: Unknown
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Filed: July 22, 2003)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING)
THE SAME)
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Applicants are filing this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time this paper was filed. This IDS supplements the IDS filed July 22, 2003.

Copies of the documents are attached. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose a copy of a Japanese Patent Office Action entitled "Notification of Reasons for Rejection," mailed on December 16, 2003, which was issued in counterpart Japanese Application No. 1999-263742, as well as an English language version of the Office Action, setting forth the relevance of each of the attached documents.

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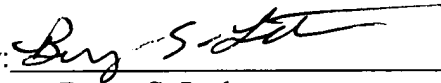
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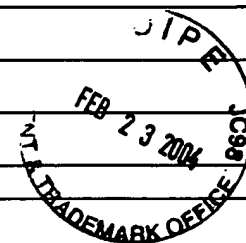
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